

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2004 in the above-identified application. Based on the foregoing amendments and the following comments, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. No claims have been amended. Claims 1-38 have been allowed.

The Examiner has objected to the specification because the status of copending applications is required to be kept current. Page 1 of the specification has been amended to indicate the current status of the related applications. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has given a statement of reasons for allowance and has identified certain features that are not taught or suggested by the references of record. Applicant agrees that the claims are allowable over the references of record. However, Applicant respectfully traverses and disagrees with any interpretation of the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance which would limit the scope of the claims.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,
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